

**GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

AGENDA TITLE: Amending the Interim PAA Map to reduce the PAA for the City of Kent and expand the PAA for the City of Renton

PRESENTED BY: Paul Reitenbach, King County

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The cities of Kent and Renton have agreed to a boundary modification of their designated Potential Annexation Areas. This modification will reduce Kent's Panther Lake PAA and expand Renton's Fairwood PAA to include all of Soos Creek Park and Trail north of SE 208th St in the Fairwood PAA.

This area, comprised of the western portion of Soos Creek Park and Trail adjacent to the Fairwood PAA, is currently shown on the Interim PAA map as designated to the city of Kent. During the Panther Lake Annexation, Kent and King County agreed that Kent would leave the park out of the annexation and annex up to the western boundary of the park. King County worked with the cities of Kent and Renton to reach this agreement to prevent the creation of an urban island upon the annexation of the Fairwood PAA to the city of Renton

Approval of Motion 10-1 would recognize the agreement between the cities of Kent and Renton and prevent the creation of an urban island.

APPLICABLE COUNTYWIDE PLANNING POLICIES

- LU-31** In collaboration with adjacent counties and cities and King County, and in consultation with residential groups in affected areas, each city shall designate a potential annexation area. Each potential annexation area shall be specific to each city. Potential annexation areas shall not overlap. Within the potential annexation area the city shall adopt criteria for annexation, including conformance with Countywide Planning Policies, and a schedule for providing urban services and facilities within the potential annexation area. This process shall ensure that unincorporated urban islands of King County are not created between cities and strive to eliminate existing islands between cities.
- LU-32** A city may annex territory only within its designated potential annexation area. All cities shall phase annexations to coincide with the ability for the city to coordinate the provision of a full range of urban services to areas to be annexed.

LU-34 Several unincorporated areas are currently considering local governance options. Unincorporated Urban Areas that are already urbanized and are within a city's potential annexation area are encouraged to annex to that city in order to receive urban services. Where annexation is inappropriate, incorporation may be considered.

Modifying the boundary designations of the unincorporated urban area shown on attachment A of Motion 10-1 within the City of Renton's Fairwood Potential Annexation Area is consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies and the Growth Management Act. The Comprehensive Plans for King County, the City of Renton and the city of Kent will be modified to support this PAA designation upon approval. The city of Kent could annex or serve this unincorporated urban area, which is currently within the city's annexation area and adjacent to the city of Renton's PAA. However, the city of Kent is amenable to this modification.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve Motion 10-1.